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- I. The next two months will be a delicate period for US-Japanese relations and for Prime Minister Kishi's future.
- II. Kishi running into trouble in his plan to arrange mutually satisfactory revision of US-Japan security treaty prior to the June 2 upper house elections.

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III. Meanwhile, the Socialists have shifted sharply to the left.

- A. A Socialist mission to Peiping agreed with Chicom position on issues concerning Taiwan and Japan, and termed US the "common enemy" of Japan and Chicoms.
- B. The Socialists have formed a joint front with the Japanese Communists and other leftists to oppose security treaty.
- C. This week's lower court opinion that presence of US troops is unconstitutional will have no immediate effect on our bases but has helped the Socialist campaign.

IV. Electoral campaign for June upper house elections will be fought on Conservatives' pro-US policy versus Socialists' pro-Peiping policy.

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25 YEAR RE-REVIEW